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In re application of

Cortland O. Dugger

Serial No. 08/990,757

Filed: December 15, 1997

Examiner: Steven Bos

Group Art Unit 1754

For:

PRODUCTION OF CATIONICALLY-HOMOGENEOUS

NANOSTRUCTURED REFRACTORY OXIDES AT REDUCED TEMPERATURES

DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Sir:

This Divisional Application is a continuation-in-part (CIP) of U.S. Application Ser. No. 08/990/757, filed December 15, 1997; which in turn is a CIP of U.S. Application Ser. No. 08/294,813, filed August 25, 1994; which in turn is a CIP of PCT Application PCT/US93/01846, filed March 1, 1993; which in turn is a CIP of U.S. Application Ser. No. 07/843,218, filed February 28, 1992; now abandoned. The applicant is claiming the benefits of all the above filing dates.

A small entity utility filing fee check of \$380 and a Declaration For Utility Patent Application (37 CFR 1.63) are enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. A process for producing a refractory oxide which comprises (a) reacting at least one metal oxide reactant and an aqueous hydrogen fluoride solution to produce either a slurry-blended dispersion which produces a fully-hydrated, cationically-homogeneous and nanostructured colloidal mixture or a solution; (b) removing the liquid from either the colloidal mixture or solution to form a dried product; (c) heating the dried product to produce a solid state metal hydroxyfluoride; (d) further heating the thus-produced metal hy-

droxyfluoride to a higher temperature at which it chemically decomposes, by heat alone, into a cationically-homogeneous nanostructured solid state metal oxyfluoride; and performing one of the following heating steps: (i) heating the thus-produced metal oxyfluoride to a solid state decomposition-temperature at which it chemically decomposes, by heat alone, into a cationically-homogeneous nanostructured solid state refractory oxide; or, (ii) heating the thus-produced metal oxyfluoride to a molten state decomposition-temperature at which it chemically decomposes, by heat alone, into a cationically-homogeneous nanostructured solid state refractory oxide; or, (iii) heating the thus-produced metal oxyfluoride to a vapor state decomposition-temperature at which it chemically decomposes, by heat alone, into a cationically-homogeneous nanostructured solid state refractory oxide.

2. The process of claims 1, wherein the reactants for step (a) comprise at least one metal oxide and an aqueous hydrogen fluoride solution.

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